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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated July 16, 2007 in the above-referenced application, applicant is submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1,114 simultaneously herewith, together with a fee for said RCE. The instant PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT is being filed as the "submission" related to said RCE in which the application is NOT amended but an explanation is provided in its REMARKS section regarding the reason why Japanese Patent Publication 61-150080, of which a translation was submitted earlier in this application, was considered relevant in an office action in Japanese Patent Application 2001-223906, such that the Information Disclosure Statement filed earlier in this application is fully considered.